

**George Walker to Thomas Jefferson, March 9, 1792,
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Walker to Jefferson [TO THOMAS JEFFERSON]

Georgetown March 9th 1792

Sir

Your favour of the first instant I had the honour to receive and was certainly sorry that I missed seeing you the evening before I left Philada although I then had been able to obtain no reply from Major L'Enfant to the letter I had the honour to hand him from you: therefore did not think it necessary to write.

This dismissal of Major L'Enfant has given great alarm to the Proprietors, and all those interested in the City of Washington; although I have fully explained to them, the difficulties the President had to surmount in treating with him.

I this day received the enclosed letter, which they wish should be laid before the President when convenient.—I am sorry to discover such a want of confidence in the ability of the Commissioners, and am afraid the affairs of the City will come into public investigation if means cannot be adopted by which Major L'Enfant may be yet continued.

I have the honour to be with reverence and respect

Sir Your Mo. obt. St.— George Walker

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